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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were generally unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate in the Eastern region, but fully adequate to available in the Central states. Demand was reported as light to moderate. Schedules were noted as usually normal. Spent hen supplies were mostly adequate to about adequate for a fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reduced.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail movement was mostly moderate. Food service demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate following the holiday weekend. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-F		o producers.
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68		RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	61-70	63-66	LARGE	43-52	47
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56	MEDIUM	33-39	37
			SMALL	18-22	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA **NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as usually regular. Spent hens were mostly adequate to about adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME,	NH, eastern NJ, eastern	NY, PA, RI,
Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and 2 cents higher for medium. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned demand was usually moderate. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate following the holiday weekend. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	KANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	57.5-68	61-64
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and	d TX	

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to at times good. Supplies were fully sufficient for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for usually normal processing schedules. Demand for light type hens was fair to fairly good for the adequate to about adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	75-78	
LARGE	72-79	73-76	
MEDIUM	58.5-66	59-63	
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA			

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

·	RANGE
EXTRALARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	68-72

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	IVAINGE	WOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	70-72
LARGE	67-75	68-70
MEDIUM	57-65	58-60

RANGE

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

<u>WESTERN</u> Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 13% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 31%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings adequate.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 13% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed but was still fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

*CORRECTION-large benchmark should have read 108 on Friday, Nov.25

	RANGE
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	108*
MEDIUM	97

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CAL	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA		
	RANGE		RANGE		
JUMBO	259-329	JUMBO			
EXTRA LARGE	229-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not		
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	Available		
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM			

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 02, 2005 will decrease by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 25, 2005 were 390,188 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

Casas purchased	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week	345,686	44,502	390,188
% change from the prior week	+21	+3	+19

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

<u>CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK</u> Prices were unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time this week. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSILI
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-27	23-25
BREAKING STOCK	33-38	36-38
AR.CO.IA.IL.IN.KS.LA.MI.MN.MO.NM.ND.	NE.OH.OK	.SD.TX.WI

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
28-NOV-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT EADAA DUN/ED LOADINIO	0.45 5 OFNITO/	10 40	40 44

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9-15.5 CENTS/LB. 12-13 12.41

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
28-NOV-05

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB. 12-13 12.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- NOVEMBER 28, 2005 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

(30 DOZLIN CAGLO-IN THOUGANDO)							
		_	NO	SO	so		5-Area
	No	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.2	18.2	7.1	12.3	12.5	60.3
	Change	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.0	50.3	10.4	26.5	32.0	145.2
	Change	-0.1	6.4	2.5	10.2	-6.7	9%
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	117.9	48.5	86.0	88.1	379.6
	Change	-6.7	14.3	7.3	9.1	-8.6	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	63.2	15.4	20.4	32.4	144.0
	Change	-1.2	10.9	-1.4	-1.6	3.0	7%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	4.6	0.6	5.2	3.5	17.9
	Change	0.6	-0.8	0.2	1.1	0.2	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	34.6	11.6	15.6	5.8	71.0
	Change	-0.2	5.9	2.6	2.0	0.9	19%
Ungraded	l Curr Wk	13.5	53.4	16.5	23.5	30.9	137.8
	Change	-5.2	18.8	-3.7	4.0	7.4	18%
Total	Curr Wk	108.8	342.2	110.1	189.5	205.2	955.8
Percent	Change	-11%	19%	7%	15%	-2%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	955.8 240.9	8% 26%	169 35
Total Shell Egg	1196.7	11%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SEC-TION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005

GRADEA XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 1.88 1.85 1.76 1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL

1.42 1.42 1.32 .77

^{*}WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2005 **FUTURE LOADS CURRENT LOADS** 30.50 **TOTAL LOADS** NW SC SW SE MW NE **CLASS ORG DST ORG DST ORG** DST LOADS **CLASS** ORG DST **ORG** DST **ORG** DST LOADS GNR W 1 GNR W 1 49.50 50.50 52.00 9.00 4.00 GL W XL 60.50 62.00 43.00 8.00 GL W XL 56.00 57.00 3.00 GL W LG 42.00 11.50 GL W LG 56.00 8.00 GL W MD 38.00 1.00 GL W MD 44.50 1.00 GL BR LG GL BR LG 1.00 1.00 **NRBS - 48** 10.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/21/05-11/25/05 **CURRENT LOADS** 49.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 94.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 143.50 SE NE MW SC NW SW **CLASS** DST LOADS **ORG DST ORG DST ORG CLASS ORG DST ORG DST ORG DST LOADS** GNR W 1 52.00 49.50 57.67 50.50 52.70 33.00 GNR W 1 59.90 67.75 14.00 GNR W 4 GL W J 47.00 35.00 38.00 1.00 58.00 2.00 52.25 62.50 **GNR BR 1** 78.50 4.00 GL W XL 56.92 12.00 64.00 65.50 42.00 2.00 GL W J GL W LG 59.00 66.60 67.88 55.20 26.00 GL W XL 65.00 69.65 60.50 60.36 44.02 36.25 GL W MD 45.04 55.38 51.00 50.83 10.75 GL W LG 69.58 58.50 64.00 42.33 46.60 59.00 GL W SM 34.00 37.00 1.00 GL W MD 55.00 41.00 37.50 10.00 GL BR LG 79.25 84.00 1.50 GL W SM 37.13 39.88 2.00 **NRBS - 48** 34.86 12.00 GL BR LG 1.00 41.00 27.85 34.00 **NRBS - 48 NRBS - 45** 35.00 1.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE	(In Thousands)		
ON HAND	11/21/05	<u>11/14/05</u>	11/22/04
PACIFIC COAST	141	141	741
LOS ANGELES	135	135	724

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS	<u>11/28/05</u>	
(price per carton delivered		
Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

<u>NORTH CAROLINA EGGS</u> The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EXTRA LARGE 89.86
LARGE 89.86
MEDIUM 76.86
SMALL 58.00

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